

Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting July 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM.

Attending Committee Members were: Shawn Hanegan, Soraya Stevens, AnnaLisa Madison, Margot Fleishman, and Dan Silverman

- Reviewed meeting minutes and amended minutes. Minutes accepted unanimously.
- Discussed the Cedar Swamp MOR
 - Margot discussed the drawing with Dan. They discussed the placement of the guardrail. The schematic is an example for a concrete sidewalk.
- Remote Access update
 - Selectmen decided no action is required at this point
 - There is no overwhelming consensus, they are looking at Lincoln's use of the remote participation
- Selectmen's update
 - The Railroad Ave plan includes multiple designs, drawn up by Trish.
 - Abutters meeting in approximately Sept. The designs were adjusted based on feedback.
 - The overall right-of-way is approx. 40 feet. The question is whether there is parity on both sides of the road vs a single side multi-use path. There is an easement that is 10 feet wide and goes into some front yards of residents.
 - Taylor and Lloyd, Bus Barn, residents and other interested parties on Railroad Ave went with selectmen on a walk-about.
 - Selectmen are holding a public meeting for residents/businesses to make comments on Aug 4th.
 - Aug 20th is the BAC meeting and they want to delay decisions to 25th.
 - Because this is the connection piece between MM and MM Extension, there is interest in making sure it is appropriate for bicycles.
 - Margot will send a link to the VHB committee presentation if she can find it on the DPW website.
 - Margot is emphasizing that this project is trying for TIP funding, so the we have to make some design decisions now so we can get the process started.
 - The selectmen approved to work with the Coast Guard to acquire the properties to in-fill with small cottage-style homes and some

additional units, or demolish what's there and build new small homes. These locations have great transportation access.

- Planning Board update
 - Awaiting Bedford Marketplace site plan review
 - Selectmen approved left hand light, which opens up the possibility for Building C (Genneti's, Brueggers, etc) to come street side
 - Dan is concerned about the use of raised islands. He noted they make it difficult to get rid of the snow.
 - Margot: One thing DPW is talking to them about is accepting an easement from where the bike path ends and the gas station. They are discussing sidewalk, grass strip, and curbing to hopefully gain some shoulder.
 - Dan thinks the parking is a little sparse.
 - The connection between the bike path and the parking lot is better.
 - There are plans for new subdivisions on Irene Road near the Coast Guard housing
 - There are plans for another subdivision off Hartwell Road near Washington Street.
- Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting is Aug 20th
- AnnaLisa wanted to get updates on items from last meeting
 - The Minuteman Extension has already reached the 25% design required for TIP.
 - School Way is under construction. Substantial completion expected in November and the final work in the Spring.
 - Bike Path repaving is in process
 - There is no expectation for when we will get the report for the Safe Routes to School TIP funding. We are in the queue to get the report with no visibility as to how quickly the queue gets done.
 - We are about to choose a provider for the pedestrian and bicycle master plan. We are hoping that once we choose that provider it will help us stage these projects and move through them more smoothly.
 - Renzo's: At the last meeting, the Selectmen wanted "fresh eyes" to look at it. The DPW was not at the last meeting, so Rick said he would look into it.
 - Selectmen are having a Goal-setting meeting next week.
 - Taxi Voucher – Rick said he'd work with Council on Aging on this project.

The TAC will post a meeting concurrent with BAC on the 20th.

Next meeting will be September 25th at 7:45.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Soraya Stevens